

**Subject:** McAlway-Churchill Public Meeting

**Date:** April 18, 2013

**Conducted By:** Will Harris (City Project Manager)  
Amy Bice (City of Charlotte)  
Steve Frey (City of Charlotte – Real Estate)  
Greg Van Hoose (City of Charlotte – Real Estate)  
Randy Hosch (Telics)  
Karl Dauber (PB, consultant for City)  
Rob Green (PB, consultant for City)

**Minutes by:** Rob Green

**Attendees:** See attached attendee sheet

The city project manager, William Harris, opened the meeting and introduced the project. William gave a brief history of the project and an update on the current status. The construction plans are 70-75% complete and Real Estate will begin to visit homeowners and discuss required easements, etc which will be on their property. William then gave an updated schedule. Real Estate phase will last until early 2014, the project should be bid in late 2014 and construction should begin early 2015. William then introduced Karl Dauber from Parsons Brinckerhoff, the City's consultant for the project. Karl gave a brief overview of each system's upgrades, starting at the upper end of the watershed and working west. Karl then opened the floor up to questions, which were as follows:

- *Can you describe the grading at apartments? (System 9)* Karl informed them that there wouldn't be any actual grading within the creek, just smoothing out some of the overbank in order to provide adequate storage and reduce flood elevations.
- *Where within the project will construction start.* Typically, the projects start on the low end of the watershed and work toward higher ground, but with the available attenuation within this project, the contractor may not be held to this. The construction sequence is not finalized but will be before the project goes to construction and the adjacent neighbors will be notified. Also, the Preserve Place culvert should be early in the construction sequence.
- A Resident on Meadowbrook had a question on the aesthetics of the Preserve Place Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert. Karl and Will informed her it would be only 4' tall and buried, so it shouldn't be very noticeable.
- A Resident on Melchor had questions about recent utility locates in her yard. Will informed her that the utility locates for the McAlway Churchill Stormwater Improvements Project had been completed and those recent locates have nothing to do with our project.

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- *What does the Preserve Place culvert outlet look like? Will it be a large concrete basin?* Karl described the low concrete wall that will be constructed to spread the outflow over a broad area, and assured the adjacent homeowner that the area would be mostly natural and not a large concrete basin.
- A Resident on Melchor asked what size was the original pipe in System 8 and what size is proposed. The original pipe was 30" and the new pipe being installed will be 42".
- *What happens to plants and trees that are located in the way of construction activities?* Landscaping removal and replacement will be coordinated on a case by case basis with the real estate agents. This is part of the easement acquisition process.
- *Do the improvements with this project affect the Briar Creek floodplain?* No, this is just a small portion of the Briar Creek drainage basin and the peak flow for our watershed will occur long before Briar Creek reaches flood stage.

Amy Bice with the City of Charlotte then spoke to the group, informing them that donated easements would be appreciated. This reduces the cost of the real estate portion, which in turn keeps project costs lower and maximizes the use of stormwater fees to complete additional projects. She and Will then introduced Greg Van Hoose, the City of Charlotte Real Estate agent on this project and Randy Hosch with Telics who will also be on this project.

Attendees were then encouraged to meet individually with Amy, Will, Karl, and Rob to discuss their questions while looking at their property on the preliminary construction plans.